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## AN ANCIENT BURYING GROUND.

### What it Yielded up to a Prospector for Relics of Antiquity.

John Love, of Flagstaff, who devotes a portion of his time each year to prospecting ancient ruins and burying grounds, recently made some very valuable discoveries on Oak Creek.

He discovered an ancient burying ground from which he dug up over fifty skeletons, and a very large amount of ancient pottery, a portion of the latter being in a well preserved condition. One of the skulls unearthed was a great curiosity and had evidently belonged to a human freak of the ancients who inhabited that country. It measured eighteen inches from the point of the jaw or chin to the top of the skull. The jaw bone was fully four inches wide and the skull alone might easily be mistaken for that of some animal. As the bones of the body however were found with it, Mr. Love says there can be no mistake about its belonging to that of a human. A great deal of the pottery, and particularly the larger pieces of it, crumbled on being exposed to the air. Some of it was unusually large, in fact much larger than anything before discovered in this section, but it was found impossible to save them although recovered in fairly good condition. A two handled jug and several small bowls were well preserved. One of the bowls was exceptional, as in holding it up between the fingers and then by thrusting it with a finger it had the ring of a genuine piece of modern China ware.

Another well preserved curiosity recovered was a dipper which was per-

fect. It was made of some black material, very much resembling slate and in scratching it the sound produced was similar to that of scratching slate. The handle was hollow and very hard. Mr. Love sold this dipper for \$25. and values the articles taken out in two days' work as being worth over \$100.

Among other things found were arrow heads innumerable, a spear point seven and a half inches long, a lot of marlin spikes of various lengths and some paint, which also was well preserved, a hat woven out of bear grass, and a small piece of woven cloth, apparently a blanket.

Ancient ruins were found on a bluff about two hundred feet above the burying ground. The latter was underneath some projecting rocks which jutted out from the almost perpendicular walls of the mountain side, but which had been filled in and covered over until these projecting rocks could not be seen. Mr. Love in making his explorations dug back about twenty-five feet and has not yet reached the wall of rocks against the mountain.—Journal-Miner.

### His Name Not Jones.

Hon. Wm. Imus and family, and the family of Supervisor Ed Imus, have gone to Phoenix to reside until after the 20th legislature has convened and adjourned. The reason he goes early is that he wants to put in a little time hunting up those editors and publishers who have been calling him Jones since the election. Bill feels a little worked up over this Jones business and it is safe to say that the newspaper fraternity will lose several of its brilliant members in the course of the next two weeks.—Mineral wealth.